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Yu-Hua Ji et al.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a request to file a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for the above-identified application. A Final Office Action dated February 19, 2002 was received in the parent case, U.S. Serial No. 09/456,429, for which the three-month response date falls on Sunday, May 19, 2002. Therefore, these documents are considered timely if filed on or before Monday, May 20, 2002.

Entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel Claims 52-54, 56, 58-63, 65 and 67-73 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

74. (Newly Added) A compound of the formula: